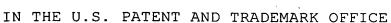


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Sir:

A Response is enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by one months. The extension fee is:

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If this Petition is not timely received, please extend the shortened period an additional month. Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional fee required by this Petition, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

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